for conducting block, district and state/UT level competitions and participation at national level.

(c) to (f) The Government of Kerala have submitted a memorandum to the Ministry seeking financial assistance for tbe development of sports in Kerala, including the revival of "Operation Olympia", which the State government had launched on a pilot basis in 199-1 to identify talented children in the age group of 10-12 years and to give them training for 4 years at the Panchayat Centre, 2 years at the District Centre and 4 years intensive training at the State Centre. The Pilot Programme was implemented up to 1996. The Government of India does not fund State-specific schemes, but runs different schemes for the promotion of excellence in sports. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) provides intensive training to talented sportspersons in the age group of 14-21 years under its flagship schemes: SAI Training Centres and Special Area Games. Apart from this, the National Sports Federations are given assistance for national-coaching camps in accordance with their approved Long Term Development Plan. The Ministry also funds outstanding sportspersons directly for both training and competition exposures under the Talent Search and Training Programme and the National Sports Development Fund.

Building of sports complex by SAI

1976. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have provided land to Sports Authority of India (SAI) at Kandivili to build a sports complex there;

(b) whether it is a fact that the complex has not so far been completed according to the stipulations and the State Government wants the SAI to return the land to it;

(c) if so, the reasons for tardy action by SAI in the matter during the last 17 years; and

(d) the present status of the case and the action taken/proposed to be taken on State Government's request to return the land to them?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the last 17 years, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has developed the area of the Centre at Kandivili and added a number of facilities such as a Table Tennis Hall, a Squash Court and a Sauna/Steam Bath and Flood-lit the Kabaddi Ground, Basketball Cemented Court, a Handball Ground as well as provided a Fitness Centre, a Judo/Karate HallWork is progressing on the Synthetic Hockey Surface and Synthetic Athletic Track, and is likely to be completed in next six months.

The State Government wish to resume the premises to develop their own divisional Sports Complex and International Conventional Centre.

(d) The decision of the State Government to take back the land was challenged by SAI in the Hon'ble High Court of Mumbai and the Hon'ble Court in its

judgement has prohibited closure of the SAI Training Centre (STC) and directed SAI to invest in the sports infrastructure.

Role of 'National sports confederations'

†1977. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the role being played by various 'National Sports Confederations' to promote sports in the country;

(b) the details of achievements made by these National Sports Confederations during past years;

(c) the manner by which these confederations are being controlled by Government; and

(d) the amount of grant sanctioned to these confederations during last year?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The National Sports Federations (NSFS) are responsible and accountable for the overall management, direction, control, regulation, promotion development and sponsorship of various sports disciplines, The recognized NSFs undertake various programmes for promotion of their respective sport such as spotting of talent, holding of national championships for Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior Categories, organization of international sports events in the country, selection of teams for participation in international sports events, training/coaching of national teams, procurement of equipment required for training etc. The NSFs in coordination with the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports are undertaking various programmes as per agreed Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) for the promotion, of the sports disciplines concerned. As a result of these efforts, the performance of Indian sportspersons has shown some improvement at the international level, in recent years. Details of the achievements of Indian sportspersons at major multi-disciplinary sports events held in recent past are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Event	Host Country	Medals Won			
			Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Asian Games, 2002	Busan, Korea	11	12	13	36
2.	Commonwealth Games, 2002	Manchester, U.K	30	22	17	69
3.	Afro-Asian Games, 2003	Hyderabad (India)	19	32	29	80

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.